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1. [] directives by the Ministry for Railroads on the employment of special trains on occasion of the Leipzig Fall Fair from 5 to 15 September 1954 indicated that the following numbers of special trains were to be employed: 546 trains within the GDR, 67 trains for West Germany and 6 trains for foreign countries. 1 The fair trains were to be dispatched as special administration trains and, in intrazonal traffic, have the designation P LM and Lp LM and, in the interzonal and foreign traffic, the designation DMS and PMS. DMS and PMS trains are to be handled as fast trains and PMS trains are given preference over passenger trains, except for commuter trains. Lp LM trains are to be dispatched only to their place of employment. Empty fair trains are not to be stopped. They may be attached to regular trains. Fair trains generally will not wait for connections. In special cases, they are permitted to wait up to 10 minutes. The entire special train traffic was to be controlled by a special fair train bureau which was to be staffed by the Halle railroad headquarters. The special train traffic was to be directed by the station masters or their deputies.
2. The engines for the special trains were specially selected. Reserve engines were to be made available at important stations. The trains were marked by special signboards, indicating number of train, dispatching and receiving station. The above-mentioned directives further indicated that only cars in good condition were to be used and that these cars were to be carefully cleaned.
3. All construction work causing traffic restrictions was to be discontinued during the period concerned. Spare material and tools were to be stored at sections where there was danger of rail breakages. It was further ordered that the lines be cleaned and construction material be carefully stored. Superstructure and bridge construction details, as well as welding squads, were to be kept on the alert.

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1. [] Comment. On occasion of the Whitsun Rally in East-Berlin, 584 trains were employed in the shipments to, and 520 trains in the shipments from, Berlin. []

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